



Return to Play Summer 2021 (Updated as of July 12)

Modifications to the Junior & Adult Competitive Structure

The purpose of this document is to communicate important guidelines that will enable competitive tennis to resume in the most safe and practical manner possible. These changes are designed to be temporary and will solely be implemented while the province manages the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This document and the policies contained within are subject to change given there will be a requirement for Tennis Alberta "TA" to have flexibility during this uncertain period. Such changes may include TA adapting, modifying, or cancelling the 2021 competitive structure.

Safety Measures:

Tennis Alberta "TA" remain cognizant of the health guidelines set aside by the provincial government. As such the following temporary changes will be implemented:

1. TA wish to limit the number of players on site at any given time. Specific numbers permitted on tournament site at any one time will be limited and disclosed in advance of tournament play resuming.
2. Adequate time shall be required in between matches for sufficient sanitization of court equipment and grounds to take place.
3. TA desire to limit contact between other participants and tournament staff.
4. TA will not have access to indoor facilities for back-up in the case of inclement weather.

Results:

All of the aforementioned considerations will result in fewer players being eligible to enter each tournament which will in turn reduce total match loads being played over the course of each event. This will result in the following:

1. Less competitors will ensure smaller draw sizes and fewer matches, as well as less contacts per event.
2. In the case of inclement weather, less matches will allow the tournament to be completed in entirety thus making up for any time lost.
3. A first-match consolation will be provided to allow for first round losers to have the opportunity of a second match. However, in the case of inclement weather, the consolation event will be the first matches to be cancelled, if needed.

3.5 Star Tournaments

- Main Draw - 16 Players.
- Consolation - First Match Consolation Draws.
- Qualification – None.
- Seedings- Will be based on Rogers Rankings.
- Scoring - Best two of three tie break sets, regular scoring. Match tie-break for a third set aside from U18, U16 and Under 14 age categories which will play full third sets as of July 26 onwards. This may change based on inclement weather and will be at the sole discretion of the tournament referee.
- Playing-Up - Players will be allowed to play up a maximum of one age group.
 - U14's may play in U16, but not U18
 - U10's may play U12, but not U14
- Multiple Events - Players will be limited to one event per weekend.
- Order of acceptance - Players will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Doubles - There will be no doubles offered at these events.

4 Star Tournaments

- Main Draw - 16 Players.
- Consolation - First Match Consolation Draws.
- Qualification - One round of qualifying, consisting of 8 players will take place on Thursday evening. 4 Qualifying spots will be available.
- Seedings- Will be based on Rogers Rankings.
- Scoring - Best two of three tie break sets, regular scoring. Match tie-break for a third set aside from U18, U16 and Under 14 age categories which will play full third sets as of July 26 onwards. This may change based on inclement weather and will be at the sole discretion of the tournament referee.
- Playing-Up - Players will be allowed to play up a maximum of two age groups.
 - U12's may play in U16, but not U18
 - U10's may play up to U14
- Multiple Events - Players will be limited to one event per weekend.
- Order of acceptance - Players will be accepted based on their ranking on the week prior.
- Doubles - There will be no doubles offered at these events.

5 Star Tournaments

- Main Draw - 12 Players.
- Consolation - First Match Consolation Draws.
- Qualification - Two rounds of qualifying, consisting of 16 players will take place on the first day of the event. 4 Qualifying spots will be available.
- Seedings- Will be based on Rogers Rankings.
- Scoring - Best two of three tie break sets, regular scoring. Match tie-break for a third set aside from U18, U16 and Under 14 age categories which will play full third sets as of July 26 onwards. This may change based on inclement weather and will be at the sole discretion of the tournament referee.
- Playing-Up - Players will be allowed to play up a maximum of two age groups.
 - U12's may play in U16, but not U18
 - U10's may play up to U14
- Multiple Events - Players will be limited to one event per weekend.
- Order of acceptance - Players will be accepted based on their ranking on the week prior.
- Doubles - There will be no doubles offered at these events.

National Selection Process

- Players will be selected to represent team Alberta at junior National Championships based on their national ranking at the time of the Nationals Selection cut off which will take place on Tuesday August 24 following completion of the junior provincial championships. Tennis Alberta staff will contact those players directly that have qualified to represent Team Alberta.
- Players wishing to represent team Alberta will be required to participate in junior provincials and within the same age category they intend to compete at nationals.
- There will be no wildcards given for this year's National Selection process. Players participating in a Tennis Canada sanctioned tour or programming that conflicts with Alberta's junior provincials will be required to request a developmental spot directly from Tennis Canada.

***Please note that all specified changes are considered temporary and may change based on provincial legislation surrounding COVID-19.**

***Tennis Canada's Rules of the Court 2021 edition shall be adhered to and will be enforced during all Tennis Alberta sanctioned competitions.**

***Entry to events referred to in this document shall only be open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents holding residency in the province of Alberta.**

As of July 12 the following modifications will be implemented:

-All U10 draws will be expanded to 16 player draws.

As of July 26 the following modifications will be implemented:

-Tournaments will be open to players from all regions of Alberta.

- Adult tournaments will commence playing full third sets.

- Doubles will be included in all adult tournaments.**
- U18, U16 and U14 tournaments will commence playing full third sets**

Summer 2021 Junior Nationals Dates

U12/U16 Nationals- September 12-18 (Venue to be confirmed)
U14/U18 Nationals- September 19-25 (Venue to be confirmed)